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SUBJ: ZAMBALES BOMBING RANGES INCIDENTS

REF: MANILA 10253

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO DFA AUGUST 26
REPLYING TO JULY 13 DFA NOTE WHICH ASKED EMBASSY TO
INVESTIGATE THREE ALLEGED BOMBING INCIDENTS AT ZAMBALES
RANGES AND TO REVIEW RANGE SAFETY PROCEDURES (REFTEL).
EMBASSY NOTE PROVIDED RESULTS OF USG INVESTIGATION OF
REPORTED INCIDENTS. IN BRIEF, CONCLUSIONS WERE:

(A) FOUR DEATHS ON JUNE 18 ATTRIBUTED TO EXPLOSION OF
DUD BOMB WHICH VICTIMS WERE ATTEMPTING TO SALVAGE IN
TARGET AREA;

(B) TWO WOUNDED FISHERMEN ON JUNE 14 WERE IN BOAT
NEAR TARGET AREA AND WERE STRUCK BY RICHOCHETING FRAG-
MENTS FROM ROCKET FIRED BY A U.S. AIRCRAFT;

(C) NO EVIDENCE UNCOVERED THAT ALLEGED JUNE 28 INCIDENT
TOOK PLACE.

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EMBASSY NOTE ALSO STATED THAT U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES
HAD COMPLETED THOROUGH REVIEW EXISTING RANGE PROCEDURES
AND SET FORTH ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURE WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH RESPONSIBLE PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS AND WHICH
U.S. COMMANDER IS PREPARED TO PLACE INTO EFFECT. COPY OF
NOTE BEING POUCHED TO EA/PHL.

2. WILL ADVISE DFA REACTION TO NOTE AS SOON AS KNOWN.
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